

A ROAD BILL

A road bill, known as the Lantz bill, is before the legislature, proposing a series of State highways to connect the various county seat towns of the State. There are eighteen routes in all. The following three routes are to connect Pocahontas. The route to Webster Springs will go out from Valley Head, in Randolph county, and thence connect with the north and south road from Princeton to Wheeling by way of Beckley, Fayetteville, Summersville, Sutton, Clarksburg, Pine Grove, New Martinsville, Moundsville.

Route 2. Beginning at Parkersburg in Wood county, and running in a northerly direction by the shortest route, so as to connect Elizabeth, Grantsville, Glenville, Weston, Buckhannon, and Elkins and via Huttons-ville, Durbin and Bartow to the Virginia state line on the route to Monterey, to be named and known as The Parkersburg-Staunton highway.

Route No. 5. Beginning at Romney in Hampshire county and running by the shortest practical route so as to connect Moorefield, Petersburg and Franklin and to Bartow on the Parkersburg-Staunton highway.

Route No. 6. Beginning at Huttons-ville in Randolph county and running by the shortest practical route so as to connect Marlinton, Lewisburg, Union and Hinton.

Tax Commissioner Hallahan has ruled that all male persons over fifty years of age, except paupers and insane persons must pay an annual capitation road tax of one dollar. The assessors have been notified to collect this tax. Heretofore all men over 50 have been exempt. The law reads as follows:

"The county court of each county shall levy for road purposes capitation tax of one dollar on each male inhabitant of the county who has attained the age of twenty-one years and not liable to labor on the roads and pay the commutation mentioned in sec. 60 of this act."

S. L. Brown, local weather observer, reports as follows for the month of March. Total rainfall 3.49 inches; greatest in 24 hours, 1.34 inches on the 3rd; a trace of snow; rain on 10 days. Two clear days; 5 cloudy and 24 partly cloudy. The hottest was 73 degrees on the 20th and the coldest was 10 degrees on the 30th. On the 28th the thermometer ranged 44 degrees, from 26 to 70. The average for the month was 45 degrees; the mean maximum being 60 degrees, and the mean minimum 30 degrees. Killing frosts on the 29th and 30th, and thunder storms on the 14th 16th and 18th.

A decided effort is being made by the citizens of Huntersville District to secure the services of Dr. Raymond B. Lockridge, to return and take up the work of his father, the late Dr. J. B. Lockridge. In reply to the petitioners he says he feels no higher tribute could be paid him nor one he appreciated more highly than to be asked to take up the yoke so suddenly laid down by his father. He has the matter under consideration and will be in West Virginia soon, and talk over the matter with those who desire his return.

Dr. J. E. Flow, of the Alderson Presbyterian church, and the following members of the building committee of that church, L. E. Johnson, John L. George and W. G. Smith were in town looking over the Presbyterian church building, with a view of building a somewhat similar church in Alderson.

J. Steele McClintic died at his home at Renick, April 3, 1921, aged 81 years. He was a former resident of this county, and a Confederate soldier. One of his children is Mrs. J. C. Maupin, of Marlinton.

Col. W. C. Householder has bought the ice plant, and has it running and making ice. Carl L. Sheets is in charge as chief engineer. Extensive alterations and repairs are contemplated.

Hon. W. E. Baker, of Elkins, has been appointed Federal Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge A. G. Dayton. Judge Baker was a former chairman of the Republican Executive Committee.

The venerable Wm. Clendennen, of the Levels, spent a few days with his son, C. C. Clendennen, this week.

COUNTY COURT

County Court was in session on Monday with W. H. Barlow presiding, and Dr. U. H. Hannah, and E. H. Williams, commissioners, present.

P. L. B. Brown, A. O. Pyles and L. S. Cochran recommended for notary commissioners.

Notice to be served on Paul Golden to remove obstructions from road near Cloverlick.

Walter Meeks allowed \$300 to be expended on new road from Cloverlick to Stony Bottom.

J. W. Ziegler and J. W. Carpenter's estate relieved from erroneous taxation.

Mrs. Melinda Wees, a poor person, allowed \$8 per month for support of children.

Mrs. Susan Jinks allowed \$10 per month for support of James Herold.

Notice to be served on J. W. Riley and Sam'l Ervin for road change through lands.

Mrs. G. W. Sharp qualified as notary.

Sheriff directed to get prices on blood hound.

Order entered to sell poor farm at private sale.

Court meets again Tuesday May 3.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hill, their twin daughters, Lella and Orda celebrated their tenth birthday Tuesday, April 5th, by asking a number of their school mates of about their age. Refreshments were served and the little folks had a fine time playing games in the yard and house. It was a lovely evening. Each one brought a nice little gift which was very much appreciated.

The little guests were the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Smith; Edith and Ethel. Florence Price, Elizabeth Williams, Lovie Haddax, Grace Johnson, Annas Cole, Mary Richardson, Madeline Shinaut, Lillian Zimmerman, Margie McCarty, Naomi Rexrode, Clytie Shinaut, Mabel McNeill, Alice Waugh, Harold Johnson.

Forest fires in many parts of the mountains this week, and the wardens and their neighbors have been kept busy. Dry windy days have been bad for fires, but the damp nights have given the fighters a chance. In Buckley and Marlin mountains, on Droop and the head of Stamping Creek the fires have raged.

The Cloverlick band is being reorganized. The position of instructor has been offered to S. O. Gum.

MARLINTON METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. J. H. Light, D. D., Pastor.

Sunday School 9:45.

No preaching at morning hour on account of pastor being at conference. Bishop Asbury League will have charge of the evening service at 8 o'clock. Leader, B. B. Williams—Topic: Christ's Interpretation of the Sabbath and the right way of using the day.

Sunday April 17: Leader, Arden Killingsworth—Topic: The Gospel of Play.

Sunday April 24: Leader, Miss Margaret Light—Topic: The Education of Men of Great Achievement.

Mrs. Light led the first meeting of month and gave a very interesting and instructive talk on "Thy Kingdom come in Our Community."

BUCKEYE

We are having fine weather now after the cold spell. Most of the fruit is killed.

Most of the farmers here have their plowing done and are patiently waiting for the planting season.

Mrs. Porter Kellison is in Richmond, Va., for an extended visit with her son, Ray Kellison.

The pie supper given by the Boys and Girls Club, Saturday night at the Swago school house was well attended and a good time was enjoyed by all. About \$30.00 was realized.

Rev. C. A. Powers delivered an able sermon to a large congregation Sunday at Swago.

Sunday schools have been organized at Swago and Buckeye churches and we hope for a good year's work. Let everyone take part and help with this good work.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pennell are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Verlin Loudermilk, at Marlinton, this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lock McNeill, April 2, a 10 pound boy.

Wayne Jackson has purchased a Ford.

NEW ASSESSMENT OF REAL ESTATE ADVOCATED

The State Tax Commissioners addressing a conference of state assessors pleaded for uniformity in taxation and co-operation of the assessors to that end.

Commissioner Hallahan said assessors are face to face with the fact that "our system of property taxation has reached the point of collapse. Our system is tottering because we have failed to make of it a system that gives equitable, fair, uniform assessment, I hazard the prediction that no system of ad valorem taxation which permits of the inequities that we find in our day to day existence now, can sustain itself."

"The first step that must be taken in the direction of bettering conditions is to bring about at once a complete reassessment of real estate of the state."

"The present legislature should not only provide a method of placing the property of the state upon the books at its full value, but it should likewise submit to the people for ratification or rejection a constitutional amendment to the effect that the rate of taxation for all purposes should not exceed \$1.25 or \$1.50 on the \$100, with the proviso that in exceptional cases it could be further increased by a two-thirds or four-fifths vote of the people."

The rate in West Virginia in many places has become so high it is alarming. In fact, it has become so high the people generally are not going to tolerate it much longer."

GREENBANK

There will be a combined entertainment and box supper in the High School Auditorium, Thursday night, April 14th. The purpose of this is to replace the Seniors' invitation money which was lost in the recent fire. The Senior class treasurer had collected the money but had not mailed the order and did not reach the house in time to save it. No admission will be charged but we hope the girls will all bring boxes and the boys come determined to have a good supper regardless of the price. The hearty cooperation of the people in neighboring towns will be greatly appreciated.

Miss Stella Malcolm, of Monterey, is visiting relatives and friends in this section.

Mr. Rosenberger has gone to Roanoke, Va., to attend conference. We hope he will return to us for another year.

Earl Arbogast has moved into the Odd Fellows Hall for the time being.

The road between Dunmore and Greenbank has been scraped recently and is now in very good condition for cars.

MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY

I was born on the first day of January, 1906 in a little neighborhood not far from the Virginia border. My parents were very proud of me because I was a New Year Gift.

As I was very soft minded I cannot remember much that happened during my childhood days. I am still affected somewhat by the same trouble.

When I was seven years of age we moved to Shady Nook Farm, which is my present home. I had gone to school some before we went to Shady Nook for I well remember one cold winter morning when I fell into the creek. My uncle rescued me but has since said that he was very sorry for having done so.

I started to school the morning following my arrival at Shady Nook and have been going ever since although I have not been present every morning when the roll was called.

Along with the other events of those early days my old maid sister went to West Virginia Wesleyan where she learned to be an English and History teacher and just as sure as I frame a sentence which I think is correct in every detail she finds some grammatical error in it.

On the twenty-fifth day of October my only brother came. While we were rejoicing over the fact that a boy had come to our home to stay the flu took my little sister away. That year was a very hard one and my total school attendance amounted to only thirty-five days out of the six months.

The past few years have moved along in just about the usual manner. I have frequent attacks of drowsy and heart failure—that is: I drop into a chair and do not have the heart to get up, but am thankful that these do not last long.

About the middle of August, 1920, I went to the little city of Raywood, where I spent three weeks and then I came to G. D. H. S. I have managed to exist through one and one-half semester of my Freshman year. What subjects I cannot carry I have to drag. Being a true hearted farmerette, agriculture appeals to me most.

I pretend I am Daddy's little boy, Wish I were at home to help haul hay.

But I have another wish, oh joy! I want to be a farmer's wife some day L. G. G.

BOXING AND WRESTLING AT IMPERIAL THEATRE

Thursday April 14, at 9:15 p. m.

After moving picture show. You enjoyed the other; this will be much better. Some real boxing and wrestling. Benefit Base Ball Team.

The High School minstrels showed two good and profitable houses at Cass and Hillsboro last week.

HOW ALSIE SAVED THE BIBLE

It was in the year 1555, when Queen Mary sat upon the English throne and filled the land with trouble because of her terrible persecution of the Protestants. In the west of England was a little village called Harrant. At one end of the hamlet standing apart from the few dwellings scattered along either side of its single street, was the blacksmith's shop, with its small house just back of it, and a tiny garden in the rear.

The smith's wife was dead, but his bonnie, blue-eyed little daughter kept his house. When lonely, she pushed aside a small panel in the end of the shop and crept in and stayed with him, unless the sound of voices or hoof-beats on the road drove her away, for she was a shy child.

One day when she had stolen in, her father was standing behind the door.

He had a silver in his big hand, with which he touched the side of the great black beam in the corner. Suddenly a block of wood fell forward, disclosing a small opening. In to this he thrust a dark, leather-bound book, and quickly, but carefully, fitted the chip into the place, so that no sign of the hidden space remained.

Seeing his child, he started and said sternly: "Ailsie, child! how dare you spy upon your father?"

"O father! I am not spying!" said the blue eyes filled with tears.

"Of course, you were not. I was wrong to say so, child!" said the smith remorsefully; "but you saw what I did."

"You put the Holy Book into the beam, father. It is a fine hiding-place, too, for neither priest nor soldier can find it there."

"I would you knew not its place of concealment, for the knowledge may bring you into danger, lass. You must never betray it. When Parson Stow went away to foreign lands, he gave me the sacred Word, and told me to keep it as my life. For, by the Queen's orders, all the Bibles have been gathered up and burned, and we are forbidden to read from its holy pages. This is the only one between here and the sea, and it is more precious than the crown jewels. You are fifteen, Ailsie, and old enough to understand, so I told you all."

"You need not fear, father," said Ailsie, firmly. "I will not tell." But the rosy cheeks grew pale as she remembered all that her promise might mean.

Now there was a certain priest that came sometimes to Harrant to preach to the villagers. But, being a Protestant, they would neither listen to him nor pay him tithes. He was very angry at their behavior, and spied about until he became sure there was a Bible among them; and he knew it was in the blacksmith's possession, because he was the only man in the village who could read.

After trying in vain to find the Holy Book, he went to the nearest town and lodged information against the village officers there; and one day when the smith chanced to be away from home, an officer and six men marched into Harrant.

They called upon the cottagers to surrender their Bibles; but one and all declared they had none. Then the soldiers searched every dwelling and threatened to burn every one, unless the Book was found.

But that did not suit the priest at all. He would get fewer tithes than ever if the village was destroyed. So he told the soldiers to let the rest of the villagers alone, for the Bible was in the blacksmith's possession. It was getting late, and the soldiers were in a great hurry to be gone. So they resolved to burn the two little buildings, and thus destroy the Book quickly and surely.

At the first sight of the strange men, Ailsie had fled through the garden, out upon the moor, and hidden among the furze bushes. She was terrified, for she feared they might find her and demand the hiding place of the precious Bible.

It was growing dark when she saw a bright light against the sky, and sprang to her feet. Her father's house was on fire! The sight made the shy child a heroine. Forgetting all about her danger, she only remembered that she must save the Bible at all cost.

Swift as an arrow she sped homeward.

The soldiers were intent upon piling straw around the burning buildings, and did not see the little figure that darted in between the house and the shop, whose thatched roofs were all ablaze. Breathless and determined, she pushed aside the panel and stumbled through the blinding smoke.

The hungry flames scorched her dress and her hair, and burned and blistered her hands and face before she secured what she sought. But at last she reached the Bible and fled into the open air.

No one had noticed her in the darkness, and she crept safely into the little garden, and sank down choked and suffering among the vines.

But she felt that the Bible was in danger even now. She slipped off her woolen petticoat and wrapped it around the volume; then, digging with her little buried hands in the soft soil, she buried it under an immense cabbage. Then she crawled upon her hands and knees to the spring at the foot of the garden, where her father found her, an hour later, half unconscious with pain and fright. He never ceased, while he lived, to praise his little daughter for her brave deed of that day.

The Bible always remained in the family, and years and years afterward Ailsie's great-granddaughter carried it when she followed her Puritan

Public Auction Sale

Finger Siegel Co., of Cass

will hold an auction sale to dispose of the balance of their stock on April 14, 15 and 16

Consisting of men's, ladies' and children's shoes and slippers; men's suits, pants, shirts, and underwear, hats and caps. For the ladies we have furs, shoes, slippers, suits and coats, silk and serge dresses, skirts, underwear, silk and cotton waists, dry goods, middy blouses, sweaters. For the girls and boys we have cloth and wash suits, shoes and slippers, gingham and serge dresses, raincoats, summercoats, underwear, tennis slippers, ribbons, bathing suits, and many other items that are useful to the entire family.

Every Thing will be Sold

for whatever it will bring as we have engaged the services of Frank Ashford to dispose of our stock. You know our merchandise is of the best grade as we never sold any merchandise that did not give satisfaction. Our shoes are Walk-Overs, the best made, and the balance of our stock is of the kind that has given satisfaction for the last 16 years. Come to the sale as everything must be sold regardless of the losses we must take. This is your opportunity to get your summer wearing apparel for the whole family at your price. A dollar spent at our AUCTION SALE will buy as much as you can get elsewhere for \$4 or \$5. Mr Siegel will also sell the balance of his furniture and household goods.

Don't forget the dates, April 14, 15 and 16

Building for sale or rent. Also store fixtures.

Frank Ashford Auctioneer **Finger-Siegel Co.** Public Auction Sale
CASS, WEST VIRGINIA

husband across the sea, to the lonely coast of New England.—King's Builders.

KILLING ON THE C. & I.

Last Saturday evening about dark William Carr, arrived at W. H. Blankenships, who lives near Wees Siding out on the C. & I. R. R. about 13 miles from Elkins, hunting trouble. He found it and was filled with buckshot by some one in the Blankenship house. Sunday about 11 o'clock he was brought to the Davis Memorial Hospital here and died that evening. The remains were taken today out on the C. & I. train at 12:45 and will be buried on Middle Mountain about 5 o'clock this evening. He leaves a widow and two children and was about 33 years of age. The State Police went out and arrested three men at the place of the shooting. They had been in jail here and the officers of the law have been investigating the matter ever since and after a final hearing before Justice Smith this morning W. H. Blankenship and Pete Roberts were held for the Grand Jury without bail and sent to jail and the other party released.—Randolph Enterprise.

Pete Roberts, mentioned above, is a citizen of Pocahontas County, a son of Jesse Roberts who lives at the Taylor place on Little Laurel of Williams River.

WARWICK

The health of our community is good, except that Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Landis have been very sick for a few days, but are some better now.

W. J. Hebb came home recently from camp on Elk river, where he has been employed in the lumber woods for some time.

Charley Waugh attended the sale of J. B. Sutton at Greenbank last week.

F. S. Welford and his son Kennie motored to Hillsboro last Saturday to visit their relatives.

Our Sunday school will be organized at Mt. Pleasant, April 10th, at 10:30 a. m. We extend an invitation to all who can to be present.

Our school is nearly to a close. It has been a very successful term—taught by B. F. E. Wooddell and Miss Mattie Sue Lewis.

S. P. Landis has bought a Ford car.

We are having ideal farming weather at present and the farmers are getting along nicely with their work. Some have sown their oats and are ready to plant corn.

J. E. Carwell, owner of the Monterey Hotel, Monterey, Highland county, Va., mysteriously disappeared from his home on Saturday night, March 26. Since then no trace of him can be found. He had some money, and his pistol is not in the room. A thorough search by his neighbors and the county authorities has failed to bring to light any clue as to his whereabouts. Carwell is a man of middle age, with three motherless children.

Watch for Minstrel Show about the 20th. All local talent. A treat for young and old.

Chas. C. Champlin, of Durbin, an expert barber, has a chair in D. B. Boggs' shop on Main Street.

COOPER'S BARGAINS

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Boys' caps 2	1.00	Ladies' voile waists	1.00
5 yd crash toweling	1.00	Ladies' black silk hose	1.00
4 prs ladies' black hose	1.00	Ladies' braziers 3	1.00
4 prs Misses' hose	1.00	Children's pants 4 prs	1.00
Men's handkerchiefs 12	1.00	Ladies' pants 2 prs	1.00
4 prs men's cotton socks	1.00	Children's gingham dresses	1.00
Men's soft collars 4	1.00	Boys' overalls 2 prs	1.00
Men's silk hose	1.00	27 yds hair ribbon	1.00
Men's 4 in hand ties 2	1.00	20 yds voi lace	1.00
Men's belts 2	1.00	All wool plaid goods	1.00
5 yd apron gingham	1.00	7 balls crochet cotton	1.00
Ladies' saten petticoats	1.00	Children's fancy socks 4 prs	1.00
Ladies' crepe blouses	1.00	Boys' knee pants	1.00
Ladies' comesoles 2	1.00	Infants white dresses	1.00
Ladies' union suits 2	1.00	Ladies' gauze vests 7	1.00
4 huck towels	1.00	Men's canvas gloves 7	1.00
4 Turkish towels	1.00		

Yours for bargains

COOPERS

CASS, W. VA.

An effort is being made to get our brass band on its feet again.

The local W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. T. J. Mason at 2:30 p. m. next Wednesday, April 13th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Reed Moore, April 1, 1921, a daughter.

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